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CONSTRAINTS

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
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**AMENDMENT**

This paper is in response to the Office Action mailed on December 16, 2003. The Examiner is requested to enter and consider the following amendments and remarks.

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- [ ] Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- [ ] A verified statement to establish small entity under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- [X] No additional fee is required.


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Respectfully submitted,

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